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TAGS: ETEL, BEXP, SA, US

SUBJECT: SAG DECISION TO AWARD AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE PROJECT (ATP)

REF: (A) STATE 086527, (B) JIDDA 2366

1. I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF YOU WOULD REASSURE MR. STROCK, VICE PRESIDENT, UNITED TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. (UTI), THAT HIS FIRM'S INTERESTS HAVE IN NO WAY BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ANY ACTION TAKEN BY THE EMBASSY IN ITS APPROACHES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA CONCERNING ITS DECISION TO AWARD ATP TO PHILIPS ON A NEGOTIATED BASIS. THE EMBASSY WAS ARGUING A PRINCIPLE, NOT A SPECIAL PLEA OR INTEREST ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTICULAR FIRM AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SAG'S DECISION. ON THE CONTRARY, SPEAKING ONLY TO THE PRINCIPLE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL U.S. FIRMS TO BID ON ATP, THE INTERESTS OF UTI WERE ADVANCED PARI PASSU WITH THOSE OF ALL U.S. CONTENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO REFER TO MY LETTER (PARA 10 OF JIDDA 2366). UTI WAS NOT OMITTED--NO SPECIFIC U.S. FIRMS WERE MENTIONED.

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